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LIVELY AT LINARY

**School Building Is to Be Enlarged;
100 Acres of Land Cleared
for This Season.**

Will Renfro was in from Linary Saturday looking after lumber to enlarge the school house there. He says that last year the school children were so numerous that they were much crowded in the single-room building that was used. This year more room must be provided by adding another room or by building an entirely new house.

Miss Josephie Rupp has been teaching there for some three years and has done excellent work. She has brought to the children of that section a full 8-month term and given them such splendid instruction that she has won the confidence of the people and the love of the children. She is working under the direction of the Presbyterian church.

Much farm activity is in evidence among the people of this section as fully 100 acres of land has been cleared this winter and will go into crops this season. The utmost advantage has been taken of the recent good weather with the result that farm work is far in advance of the usual condition at this time of year. All in all there may be said to be a boom on in that section. It is not of the mushroom kind but of that solid and enduring character that does not make much noise but of the kind that really does things.

DOG LAW PASSED

The amended dog law recently passed by the legislature has been signed by Gov. Taylor and it is now a law. It exempts about half of the counties in the state, but Cumberland is not among the exempted counties. The law applies to this county in practically the same manner as before amendment.

INTERESTING ITEMS

The congressional senate committee has reported that more than a million homes are needed to properly house the people and that it will require the expenditure of fifteen billions of dollars to provide the homes and other pressing needs that go with the homes, such as steam railroads and street railways.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, defends his stand of denouncing the course of Russia towards labor.

Saturday a twelve million dollar fire swept the city of Tokio, Japan. More than 1,000 houses were destroyed and many thousands of people were made homeless. A stiff wind blew for four hours rendering the fire department almost helpless.

A tornado swept a path 80 rods wide and 35 miles long through Nobles county, Minn., Saturday causing a loss of property estimated at \$100,000.

Snow fell in Nebraska Sunday and was accompanied by a wind that killed some stock and destroyed much property.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, was visited by a hail storm Sunday that broke thousands of panes of glass; one green house reports the loss of 25,000 feet of glass.

The Greeks are reported to be driving the Turks before them at will and capturing towns and many prisoners.

The freeze of Monday night followed by colder weather last night it is feared destroyed the fruit crop of this section.

The Methodist Episcopal church received 237,127 members last year. The Catholic church came second with 151,434, and the Baptists third with 129,283.

MANY CALLERS

President Harding had over 600 Easter callers Saturday and he shook hands with them all.

LARGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The M. E. Church, Knoxville, has over 1,000 members and hoped to increase the number to 1,200 by last Sunday. They have a most comprehensive method of keeping track of their members.

HIS A SURFEITED LIFE.

**Cecil Rhodes Knew of Nothing He
Wanted at 35 Years of Age
and Died at 49.**

Most persons have heard and read more or less about Cecil Rhodes, the great South African diamond king. Because of his great riches most of us would think he was very happy, but here is what he said while riding one day with a friend:

"Well, le Suer, there is one thing I hope for you, and that is that while still a young man you may never have everything you want.

"Take myself, for instance: I am not an old man and there is nothing I want. I have been Prime Minister of the Cape, there is De Beers (the diamond mines that Rhodes controlled) and the railways, and there is a big country called after me, and I have more money than I can spend. You might ask, 'Wouldn't you like to be Prime Minister again?' Well, I answer you very fairly—I should take it if it were offered to me, but I certainly don't crave for it."

At twenty-five he was so rich that he did not want for any of the things that money can buy; at thirty-five he did not want anything at all; at forty-nine he died.

Riches are no indication of happiness. The writer has it on John D. Rockefeller a good many laps for we can eat all we can get and enjoy it and John D. can't eat anything he can get and enjoy it for he has a chronic case of dyspepsia, we are told. John D. would give half his millions or more for a good stomach, but his money will not buy it. After all there is lots of happiness connected with wanting.

DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE

**Hills Leveled and Fill Up Valleys;
100,000 Chinese Estimated as
Having Lost Their Lives.**

One of the worst, if not the worst, earthquakes in all history is reported from north-west China. Following are some of the facts briefly stated: One hundred thousand Chinese dead.

An area of four hundred square miles devastated and the number of small towns and villages partially or completely destroyed beyond estimation.

Whole valleys filled up by the falling of mountains into their midst, 10,000 being buried alive in one instance.

Scourges of fire which completed destruction, started by earthquakes which lasted two weeks.

Those remaining are in desolate circumstances and many thousands may perish from starvation as practically everything, cattle, horses and all food are destroyed and the roads rendered so impassable that relief can be sent with the greatest difficulty.

The walls of the towns are practically leveled and houses are destroyed until scarcely one is left standing.

Born With His Boots On.

From an interview: "Frankly, I am a homebody," he confided. "I have never set foot outside my native shoes."—Boston Transcript.

Phonograph as a Burglar Alarm.

A practical genius has hitched up his phonograph to the door and at night after hours should any intruder succeed in opening the door the phonograph is set into action and by means of a specially made record it calls loudly for help to catch the thief.

Progenitor of the Galosh.

The great-grandfather of the galosh was the Englishman's jack boot, black as the leather bottles from which he drank his ale—solid and unpliable as iron, square-toed and clumsy. Even the purest of Puritans strode the streets with this one frivolity of dress flaring at the tops. It wasn't the "wearing of boots" that was the abuse, mourned one commentator upon this style, "but the generality of the wearing and the manner of cutting boots out with huge, slovenly, immoderate tops."

MANY SHIPS TIED UP

Because of the depression in shipping over 500 ships are tied up in the ports of New York, Norfolk and the great lakes. The same depressed condition in shipping is reported from England and Japan.

LUCKY SIXPENCE SAVED HIM

**Good Story of How Fate Intervened
to Preserve Beau Brummell to
History's Pages.**

The old superstition about the lucky charm of a crooked sixpence arose early in the eighteenth century, and its author was none other than Beau Brummell, the most famous of the world's dandies. Brummell, although the bosom friend of the prince of Wales, came from common enough stock, his grandfather having been a valet. But he saved, as did Brummell's father, and Brummell had some \$150,000 to serve him. He became a great gambler and a good loser, often staking thousands of pounds. One night he played at Walter's club, and when he rose from the table he was a pauper. Not only that, but heavily in debt.

He wandered out into the London streets, with head downcast; and as he strolled along he picked up a crooked sixpence. In a whimsical moment he returned to the club and matched it with a chance friend. He won, matched again and again, and won each time. The game changed to shilling matches, and then to gold pieces, and Brummell at the end of a few minutes found himself with two or three pounds. He went to the gaming table, sat down, and when dawn came and the game closed he had won over 12,000 pounds, or about \$60,000. The crooked sixpence he carried with him for years, and shortly after he lost it his bad luck arose again, and he once more became a pauper.

RANKED AS MARVEL OF ART

**Michelangelo's Superb Decorations in
the Sistine Chapel Sufficed to
Give Him Eternal Fame.**

Michelangelo's decoration of the vault of the Sistine chapel was hailed as the greatest piece of work ever done by a painter's hand. It was a task of colossal proportions, the ceiling alone measuring 132 feet by 44 feet. The painter had to do much work lying flat on his back on a scaffold. For some time afterward he was unable to read except when in that position.

Michelangelo arranged the vast space as though it had been roofless, framing it with architecture in perspective and filling the open spaces with paintings. Just above the windows are the figures of the ancestry of Christ in attitudes of eager waiting; above them 12 gigantic figures of prophets and sibyls; in the corners, four representations from the history of Israel. In the center of the vault the stories of the "Creation of the World," the "Fall of Man," and the "Deluge" are told in nine pictures. Among the central pictures is the "Creation of Adam." Adam is depicted just on the point of rising, just as God's touch sends the first thrill of life through his veins. Of the prophets, Jeremiah is the image of deep thought, and Zachariah a type of mental absorption.

Popular Belief in "Charms."

As early as the beginning of the eighth century, the church publicly condemned the usage of amulets. Yet was then being sold as a medicine, and believed to be effective for curing hysteria and driving away snakes. Lardstones were used to cure the gout at a much later time, and philosophers' stones were supposed to hold the key to all knowledge. In rural sections of the United States today, "mad stones," taken from deer, are treasured as being sure cures for the bites of rattlesnakes and mad dogs. Hundreds of pounds of asafoetida is still sold every year and tied about the necks of babies to ward off disease—and many persons carry the magic buckeye.

Bells to Ward Off Evil Spirits.

The use of bells originated in superstition. They were first used in China a great many centuries ago, and their original purpose was to dispel and clear the air of "evil spirits," also to break up and drive away storms. From China bells were eventually introduced into Europe. Old records tell us how the tolling of bells kept the "spirit of darkness" from assailing the people while in the act of worship. Hence the connection of bells with churches. It was only at a comparatively recent date that bells were used for calling people to church. For ages they were designed solely for keeping evil spirits at a safe distance.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE

**Arthur D. Woody Stricken at His
Home Friday Morning at Four
O'clock; Buried at Woody
Sunday.**

Friday morning at four o'clock Arthur D. Woody, aged 43, died at his home here from heart failure. The remains were buried in the home cemetery at Woody Sunday afternoon. Funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Snow of the Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. A large number of persons were present.

The deceased was in his usual health Thursday and was about town as usual. For several years he had been troubled to some extent with a weak heart and doctors had cautioned him to exercise care in his mode of living. Dr. W. A. Reed was called, but death had claimed Mr. Woody before the doctor reached the Woody home on the west side of town. He leaves a wife and three daughters, the oldest only seven years of age, and several brothers and numerous relatives. At the time of death he was carrying \$2,000 life insurance and as he has considerable other means and property, the family will not be left in destitution.

For several years the deceased had been a very active business man of this section. At the time of his death he was engaged in the lumber and tie business.

For several years he was connected with the Union Stock Yards at Nashville and bought live stock and produce in this country. He was well known to our people having been born and reared at Woody, in the north part of this county. His familiarity with the people, coupled with his great activity and fair dealing resulted in his handling large numbers of live stock and much produce from this section. He has paid to the farmers of this county many thousands of dollars. Being a man of good business judgment and great energy he was a very useful man in this community as through him many persons enjoyed profitable employment. In his death our county has lost a valued and useful citizen.

CARD OF THANKS

I extend my most heartfelt thanks to the good people of Crossville and Woody for their kindness and sympathy in the recent death and burial of my husband, Arthur D. Woody.
Mrs. Cordelia Woody.

Cultivated Rose Is English.

In many countries some flower is taken as the national emblem. The French claim the fleur-de-lis, the Scotch the thistle, and the wattle belongs entirely to Australia; the maple leaf is the national emblem of Canada, as the fern leaf is of New Zealand. But the most familiar of all is perhaps the red rose of England. Every one has heard of the Wars of the Roses. There is no more typically English flower than the rose; and yet most English roses have come from China or from the East. The cultivated rose, however, in its hundreds of varieties—bush roses, climbing, scrambling, rambling roses, dwarf roses—is typically English.

Wonderful, Mysterious Love.

She was a beautiful girl, bubbling over with intellect, an ambitious girl, too who had studied out the matrimonial problem to a nicety. "Yes, I suppose I shall eventually wed," she said; "but the only kind of masculine nuisance that will suit me must be tall and dark, with classical features. He must be brave, yet gentle, withal he must be strong—a lion among men, but a knight among ladies." That evening a bow-legged, lath-framed youth, with red hair and bat-wing ears, wearing check trousers, and smoking a cigaret that smelled worse than a burning boot, rattled on the railings with a whangee, and the beautiful girl knocked four tumbler and a cut-glass fruit dish off the side-board in her haste to get to him.

The Same Thing.

"They are quite ordinary people over there, aren't they?"
"Well, they represent the refinement of vulgarity. Anything worse than that?"
"Certainly—the vulgarity of refinement."—Browning's Magazine.

DIED OF BRAIN HEMORRHAGE.

**Miss Ursie Roberts, Daughter of
Thos. Roberts, at Pikeville
Saturday.**

Miss Ursie Roberts, age 23, died of hemorrhage of the brain at Pikeville Saturday, at 1 p. m. The remains were brought here Sunday and interred in the city cemetery Monday forenoon. Funeral services were conducted by Judge C. E. Snodgrass, at 10:30 a. m.

The death of Miss Roberts was brought about in a very unusual way. She had been relief operator in the telephone exchange for only a day or two and on arising Saturday morning at six o'clock she complained of a severe pain in her head and laid down on the bed. In not to exceed fifteen minutes she was unconscious and never rallied, but passed away at one o'clock.

Her father was working at a saw mill a few miles from Winesap and had made arrangements for himself and daughter to go to Chattanooga that day. As soon as the young lady became unconscious an effort was made to reach him by phone. They were informed that Mr. Roberts was on his way to Pikeville. A car was sent to meet him so that he reached the bedside of his daughter before death ensued.

Doctors were called and they at once stated that nothing could be done and that the cause of sickness was the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain.

The deceased was, for some time, telephone operator for the company here but went to where her father was working a few weeks ago to keep house for him. The Pikeville manager sought her assistance for operator at his exchange and she took that position only a few days before she was stricken. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts. Her death leaves only one child at home, Miss Lidia Roberts.

The Crossville people turned out with their usual kindness and sympathy and rendered all assistance possible to the stricken friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend to the people of Crossville our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kindness and sympathy in assisting at the funeral and burial of our dear daughter and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Roberts,
Miss Lidia Roberts,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow,
Miss Pearl McBride,
Mr. and Mrs. John McBride.

HOTEL DEAL PENDING

**Sampson DeRossett May Lease the
Commercial for a Year; Will
Make Some Changes.**

A deal is pending between Sampson DeRossett and E. B. Jones whereby Mr. DeRossett may become the lessee of the Commercial Hotel for one year from Friday, April 1. The deal will probably be closed today or tomorrow.

Should Mr. DeRossett secure control of the Commercial he plans to convert the present lobby into a ladies' parlor and convert the room now occupied by the Davis restaurant into the main lobby. This will be done by cutting a door from the room to the hall leading to the dining room. Mr. DeRossett also plans to have free auto service to and from trains and will meet all passengers trains, day or night. It is his purpose to serve a widely varied menu all prepared in the best possible shape and by careful and courteous attention to the comforts and needs of his guests build up a substantial and profitable business.

Mr. Jones and wife plan to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Anderson, Sandford Florida, for a few weeks shortly after retiring from the hotel. They hope to leave on their Florida trip about April 10.

KEEP AFTER THE FLY

Rome was not built in a day—neither can Tennessee be freed from flies in so short a time, but Uncle Sam eradicated them in a comparatively short time in Panama by the same method county agents and others are advocating—co-operation. A flyless home means greater comfort and less sickness. Less sickness means lower cost of living.